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SUBJ: FY 1976 AID PROGRAM

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1. WE UNDERSTAND ADVISABILITY OF PROCEDURE OUTLINED
REFTEL FOR FY 76 ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PRESENTATION.

2. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT PROPOSED DISCLAIMER
COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY STRENGTHENED (AND ANY INCREASED
RISK MINIMIZED) IF IT WERE MODIFIED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT
USAID/LAOS IS BEING TERMINATED AT REQUEST OF PGNU AND
THAT PGNU HAS REQUESTED RENEGOTIATION OF ASSISTANCE
AGREEMENTS BUT RENEGOTIATION HAS NOT YET BEGUN.

3. THEREFORE SUGGEST FOLLOWING REWRITE: QUOTE WITHIN
THE LAST MONTH, THE PGNU HAS REQUESTED -- AND THE USG
HAS AGREED -- TO THE TERMINATION OF USAID/LAOS AS AN
ORGANIZATIONAL ENTITY. USAID/LAOS HAD EARLIER CLOSED
ITS FIELD OFFICES BECAUSE CONDITIONS TOLERATED BY THE
PGNU HAD MADE NORMAL OPERATIONS IMPOSSIBLE. THE PGNU
HAS IN ADDITION REQUESTED RENEGOTIATION OF THE 1951
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ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH A

REVISION OF THE ENTIRE BASIS FOR FUTURE U.S. ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE. WHILE THE USG IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO DISCUSS
MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE WITH THE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT OF
NATIONAL UNION, THE SITUATION IN LAOS OVER PAST MONTH
HAS SO FAR CREATED SERIOUS OBSTACLES TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF
MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE
EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO FORMULATE
... ETC. UNQUOTE FOLLOWED BY REMAINDER OF TEXT SET FORTH
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